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WATERLOO MAN SENTENCED

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that **MICHAEL S. AUGUSTINE**, age 40, of Waterloo, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois today to a term of 156 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a special assessment of \$700, and \$190,000 in restitution. **AUGUSTINE** previously pled guilty to two counts of wire fraud, two counts of mail fraud, use of fire to commit a felony, and two counts of witness intimidation. The basis of the allegations in the Indictment arose from the acts leading up to and following the destruction by fire of the building containing the Pop-N-Pizza business located at 529 ½ Falling Springs Road, Cahokia, Illinois, on August 14, 2003. The various violations took place between July 2003, and October 28, 2003, in St. Clair County, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Cahokia Police Department, the Illinois Fire Marshal, and United States Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deirdre A. Durborow.